

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

NONPROFIT AWARENESS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's communities are enriched and enlivened by the contributions nonprofits make to the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, more than 26,000 tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofits serve communities in all 100 counties of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, people throughout North Carolina support and participate in nonprofit organizations by board leadership, volunteering, donating, and working as staff; and

WHEREAS, according to the N.C. Center for Nonprofits, nonprofits provide more than 212,000 jobs in North Carolina and contribute \$26 billion to the state's economy; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits bring North Carolinians together to address pressing needs and find creative and effective solutions in their communities; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits build partnerships and collaborate with businesses, governments, faith-based organizations, and other groups to expand resources in every corner of our state; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits provide opportunities for developing skills, leadership abilities, and service through civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, nonprofits play a central role in the democratic process by educating the public about vital issues in their communities and our state and by providing a means for individuals to deliberate on and advocate for public policies and decisions that affect them; and

WHEREAS, every North Carolinian benefits from nonprofits' vital contributions of strengthening our social fabric, public policy, culture, sense of community, and future;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2008, as "**NONPROFIT AWARENESS MONTH**" and encourage all North Carolinians to strengthen the bonds of community by celebrating and participating in the work of our state's nonprofit organizations.




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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol at Raleigh this twenty-eighth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.